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Subject: Re: Downers Grove Status

FYI,

In case you haven't seen this info yet.

Maybe we can meet for a few minutes after our 10 AM meeting tomorrow and discuss this matter.

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Joe:

Thanks for the info. Where we are at with the listing package and scoring sounds good to me. Mazin and I will talk with Tom Krueger and depending on the way the negotiations with the PRPs go we will let you know about moving the package through. Thanks again.

Matt

Joseph Dufficy



**Joseph Dufficy**

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Matt--

I spoke with Tom Crause and Jeanne after our brief meeting this morning. Here's where we are.

IEPA in conjunction with previous USEPA sampling efforts has compiled a significant amount of data on the groundwater and source areas in the Downers Grove area of interest. We expect the Integrated Assessment Report, documenting this work before the holidays. Since both agencies embarked on this, IEPA and USEPA in all sampling efforts have had NPL listing as part of the overall strategy for the regional groundwater contamination problem ("site"). The Integrated Assessment Report would/will become the center piece of any subsequent Listing package.

At this point, however you look at the situation, we have a "site" that scores. All the listing package really comes down to is the pre-remedial equivalent of an Administrative Record for a ROD, again for Downers Grove all our data collection is done. We're just waiting on the IA Report.

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You mentioned concern about potential listing impacts of a completed alternate water supply action, 6-8 months from now. Let's say for argument that we already had a draft package put together...the reality of situation would still exist. The Alternate Water supply will have what ever impact its going to have whether we have a draft package now or 6 months from now.

The Source area concentrations are very high. As you negotiate, I would confidently let the RPs know we have a "site" that scores. "It" will score whether the Alternate Water supply hook ups have happened or not. Let them know whether the site moves forward to the NPL will be largely up to them. However, one practical matter to consider revolves around the new NPL Priorities listing panel process.

Beginning later this month HQ will convene a panel of Regional and HQ staff involved in Listings. Each site with a completed package will be ranked by Regional offices and subsequently assigned a national prioritization rank in one of several Tiers. Tier A sites will likely resemble Downers Grove--Listable sites with ongoing human exposures and completed risk pathways. Tier D sites will likely be huge mining type sites or other situations where immediate human health impacts are minimal--but its still a big mess. Tier B's and C's fall in between. While there is still much national debate on the validity of the approach we are likely to go through several panels before the concept goes away. Bottom line for Downers Grove with a completed alternate water supply---overall listability is still there--but if the Tiering process still exists it would probably drop from Tier A to a Tier B.

Bottom, bottom line...the site scores, now. It already scores 6 months from now...however, if you feel that the RPs are going to balk at source control work after the Alternate Water Supply is in and you feel a box with 3 feet of paper in it is what you need to play poker--let me know. We can get the data from IEPA and use a HQ contractor to do the package or we can tell Tom to reprioritize the other 2 packages IEPA is working on...which IEPA does not want to do...but they'd do it. Either way you're looking at 2-3 months from our receipt of the IA. And I would strongly urge that if we're going to do the package--we might as well move it as quickly to the point of being Proposed as possible...again a "draft" package that sits for 6 months under someone's desk is no different than not having a package at all.

JD